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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Vincent J. Wachter, et al.

Serial No.: 09/914,364

Examiner: Brian Yong S. Kwon

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Art Unit: 1614

For: USE OF GALLIC ACID ESTERS TO INCREASE BIOAVAILABILITY OF ORALLY ADMINISTERED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action of June 14, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 43 as follows:

c 1 43. (Twice Amended) A method of reformulating an existing oral pharmaceutical composition, the method comprising:

admixing the active compound of the existing oral pharmaceutical composition with a gallic acid ester, the gallic acid ester being present in sufficient amount to provide bioavailability of the active compound when administered in the reformulated composition greater than said bioavailability of the active compound when administered in the existing

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